

Comment and Gossip On Sports of the Day

By HERBERT

EVERY once in a while a question comes up of vital import which is dismissed or overlooked on the ground that the time is not ripe to thrash it out or institute a campaign in its favor. Grantland Rice brought up one of these questions in The Tribune last Thursday, and it had to do with the make-up of the National Commission—the supreme court of baseball. It is not altogether a new question. It has been pointed out more than once by fair minded critics that this baseball court is not truly representative, inasmuch as the players themselves have no voice in the settlement of controversies which arise so frequently and in which they have so much at stake. This may not be the time to strike or plead for a war with the feds and in the entanglement of the courts, but it is no reason why a beginning should not be made. Large bodies move slowly, and truly the National Commission is a very, very large body—literally as well as metaphorically. Then, too, any campaign, no matter how strong, requires much time to get results, and how much preaching and pleading it took to make a start in numbering the football players.

BASEBALL has been built on a firm foundation, so far as its government is concerned, but its supreme court is not fairly constituted, made up as it is of three members—the president of the National League, the president of the American League and an owner in the National League, who acts as chairman. This governing arrangement was the game's big mistake, and I am in hearty accord with what Grantland Rice said on Thursday. It will bear repeating.

The commission controlling the destinies of ten thousand players and many leagues should be composed of five men—the presidents of the two major leagues, two representatives from the players' federations and a fifth member, a chairman, to be chosen by the other four. Then any injustice could be taken to a fair court. The player is certainly entitled to equal representation upon any commission controlling the game. And he will be a good lot of a jellyfish unless he makes a stand for this right.

The Exceptions Court.

BEFORE going any further it may be well to say that, in my opinion, the National Commission has been given with some of the attributes of a Solomon and has been amazingly fair in the majority of its rulings. There have been exceptions, striking exceptions, in which the human side of the individual has been paramount and the owners' side played out of all proportion to the true merits of the case. Unfortunately, it is these exceptions which stand out in such boldness, even against the hundred and one other decisions for which only the highest praise could be given. It is quite possible, too, that the construction of the supreme court of baseball was not the game's big mistake and that it was essential that the organization be centered and controlled in its early development by the moneyed force, Charley Ebbets was the author of that now famous saying three or four years ago, "Baseball is still in its infancy." Mr. Ebbets is wise in his generation, but he is about the only one who does not believe (of, in fact, he still holds that belief) that baseball has not thrown off its swaddling clothes.

THE time comes when a child must be governed by reason and not by the rod or the do-as-I-say plan. It was well enough to govern the players at first by this more or less crude method, but that time has passed and the owners must blind themselves to their own best interests and be arbitrary to the point of carism if they do not anticipate the trend of things and cut their cloth accordingly. The organization of the Baseball Players' Fraternity, which after a hard fight for recognition is now firmly established, was a step in the direction of broader representation for the players in the government of baseball. Wisely, no doubt, the fraternity has moved slowly, but just so sure as this is written, it is pointed to a more equitable arrangement of this very question now under discussion. It will come, too, not tomorrow or even a year from tomorrow, for, as said before, large bodies move slowly. But the sooner it comes the better it will be for baseball and all concerned.

Some Growing This.

THAT old saying, "Great oaks from little acorns grow," illustrates to a nicety the growth of the Millrose Athletic Association, made up of employees of the John Wanamaker store in this city. The annual indoor meet on Thursday was a revelation. Never have I seen the old Garden so crowded for a set of games and rarely has such a good programme been run off with such dispatch and finish. The Millrose A. A. may be congratulated not only for its enterprise but for affording such a treat for those interested in track and field sports.

THE MEREDITH is beaten now and again, but those who saw him win the 600-yard special on Thursday evening in the brilliant time of 1:13.3-5 had no hesitancy in proclaiming him the greatest middle distance runner of the day. He beat Tom Halpin, the Boston flyer, and Homer Baker, who earned such high honors abroad last summer, in such convincing way that one felt it was only a question of his being in form to repeat at any time. Baker, it is true, was handicapped by a knee still weak, and Halpin has the distinction of holding the world's indoor record for the distance of 1:13.2-5, but Meredith left no question as to his superiority in a truly run race.

Real Sportsmanship.

INCIDENTALLY, both Meredith and Halpin played the part of good sportsmen in so readily accepting the suggestion of the referee that Baker and Caldwell, who had been set back three yards for a false start, be brought up on even terms. Many in the crowd who had gone to the Garden to see the test between Baker, Meredith and Halpin voiced disapproval by hisses and jeers when the penalty was imposed, for Meredith and Halpin to accept had no option. It was a nice thing, then, for Meredith and Halpin to accept the real spirit of the protest, which, while unfortunate in its expression, could not have been made in any other way.

FOR sheer grit and courage, commend me to Nick Giannakopoulos, the Greek distance runner, who well deserves the popularity that seems so plainly his among athletic fans. After being beaten in the mile and a half race of about nine miles, he reported within an hour for the mile and a half race, and worked hard to cut down the big handicap he was forced to concede to a number of good opponents. That he failed was due entirely to physical limitations, as his will was strong. In truth, he ran the last half mile on his nerve alone.

J. LOOMIS will be welcome whenever he comes East to compete. He is the type of athlete who appeals quickly to those who follow the fortunes of champions as they come and go.

Hitting the Wrong Chord.

PRESIDENT HIBBEN of Princeton University, like Dr. Richmond of Union College, failed to strike a responsive chord with the big majority of graduates and undergraduates when, in his annual report, he asserted that college athletics were suffering from an overgrown system of coaching, which he characterized as "quite absurd" and "the unnatural incubus of a superimposed system which tends to make puppets of the players and which limits the spontaneity and free play of their natural initiative." As has been said before in this column, Dr. Hibben is right from an ethical point of view, but wrong in a measure from the practical side. Extremes are always dangerous and lead to abuses, but the only way to get the instruction that really counts and which is so necessary when so much is demanded of varsity teams is to pay for it and pay well.

EFFORTS have been made, both in baseball and football, to control the activities of the coaches when games are in progress, to the end that the players should not be mere puppets and that more emphasis should be laid on personal initiative. The football rules committee went so far last year as literally to chain the coaches to the bench, and further efforts no doubt will be made to control this particular abuse. The trend of college athletics is along sounder and better lines than in the past, but the almost national characteristic of Americans to drive along with any cost can not be controlled by any drastic rule of thumb. It can only be regulated, but the cutting off of a paid coach would work only a distinct hardship and bring about a discontent and internal strife, unless, perchance, the millennium was reached and all colleges in the land could be persuaded to accept the ideal and to play the game along the same lines.

Better Buy the Indians.

IN LISTENING to Mayor Raymond of Newark at a weekly table talk of the New York Press Club last Thursday I could not help but feel impressed with what a wonderful city it must be with its population of something over 400,000 and its nearness to New York. It strikes me, however, that there must be something radically wrong when it is recalled that the Newark Baseball Club of the International League is owned by Brooklyn men. It seems as if there ought to be money enough among Newark men to control one of their own institutions.

FRANK HINKEY will not lack for the right kind of help in developing Yale's football eleven next fall, with such competent assistants as Dr. Bull Talbot, captain of the team last year; Nate Wheeler, coach of last year's strong freshman eleven; Cornish, the clever quarterback in 1913; and "Red" Brann, the dashing end last fall.

GEORGE M. CHURCH, the Princeton lawn tennis star, is quoted as saying that he is in favor of moving the national championship tournament to the West Side courts because at Newport the players are mere vaudeville performers for the idle rich. Everybody is welcome to his opinion. Now, my reason for being in favor of the change is that the tournament would thus be brought nearer to the centre of things. Anyway, that's one reason.

The America's Cup.

IN TALKING with a well known yachtsman last week I was rather shocked to hear him say in the most convincing way, "No races for the America's Cup will be sailed this year." Of course, the feeling is more or less general that everything depends on how soon the devastating war in Europe comes to an end. The war caused the postponement last year, and if continued will prevent the race this year. The New York Yacht Club is right in its attitude in declining radically to stand on its assertion whether or not the mysterious way was willing to stand on his assertion whether or not the war came to an end. One would think, almost, that the Shamrock IV, the Resolute, the Vantile or all three had been swallowed up by an earthquake or just naturally fallen apart. I walked away unconvinced and thinking, "We shall see what we shall."

When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS.



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(A TRUE DIARY OF A BOY)

WHILE HAVING GYM IN SCHOOL P.M. WE SAW A TROOP OF MEN MARCHING BY TWO'S. THEY WERE DRESSED IN BLACK COATS AND BERRIES. THEY HAD LITTLE APRONS ON TIED WITH BLUE RIBBON WHICH LABELED OVER THE APRON AND TIED SIX FEET LONG WITH GOLD ORNAMENTS AT THE TOP. AFTER SCHOOL JERRY AND I WENT SKATING ON THE OUTSIDE OF KINGS ISLAND POND A HALF MILE AWAY. THE SKATING WAS GLASSY. I HAD A PAIR OF SKATES THAT SLIP TO THE WRONG WAY AND ARE BUM.

SHOOTERS DO WELL IN AN UGLY RAIN

Many Full Scores Made at Traps of the New Rochelle Club.

Just an even dozen members of the New Rochelle Yacht Club faced its traps yesterday, and despite an ugly rainstorm that sent the "birds" spinning at erratic angles, many full scores were returned in the six matches decided.

George P. Granbery, who was in his usual good form, captured the take-home trophy, after some keen competition. With 1 as his handicap he returned a full score of 25, tying E. L. Hatch, B. R. Stoddard, A. E. Eldridge, A. Stoddard, D. Giriat and F. W. Howard. Granbery won in the shoot-off.

Legs for the January cup were won by G. P. Granbery, B. R. Stoddard, C. C. Moore and F. W. Howard, all of them returning full scores of 25. In the shoot for the Accumulation cup E. L. Hatch, J. P. Donovan, C. C. Moore and D. Giriat each won legs for the trophy with full scores.

Shooting from the 18-yard mark, C. C. Moore proved the winner of the distance handicap for the Stevens cup, breaking twenty-three "birds." The ten and fifteen "bird" scratch shoots were won by E. L. Hatch and H. S. Bullock, respectively, each with a full score. G. P. Granbery captured the high gun scratch prize with 92 as his total. E. L. Hatch was the runner-up with 90.

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High gun (100 "birds" scratch)—G. P. Granbery (92), E. L. Hatch (90), B. R. Stoddard (88), A. E. Eldridge (86), A. Stoddard (84), D. Giriat (82), F. W. Howard (80).
Stevens cup (18 day birds, handicap)—G. P. Granbery (25), E. L. Hatch (25), B. R. Stoddard (25), A. E. Eldridge (25), A. Stoddard (25), D. Giriat (25), F. W. Howard (25).

At a meeting of the New York Athletic Club Board of Governors held yesterday it was decided to accept the challenge of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association swimming team for a dual clash, and the Canadian watermen are now booked to face the local stars in the Mercury Foot pool on Friday next.

The meet promises to be one of the most interesting of the indoor season because of the presence on the Canadian squad of two sterling swimmers—George Hodgson and Frank McGill.

Hodgson has not been defeated at distances above 100 yards since he secured such a brilliant double victory at the Olympic games of 1912 in Stockholm, winning both the 400 and 1,500 metre swimming races in world's record time. McGill is the present 50 and 100 yard champion of the Dominion, and report has it that he is sprinting in great form.

Against this sterling pair the New York Athletic Club will probably start

Six Trials Favored in College Field Events

Many Other Changes Also Approved at Meeting of Committees of I. C. A. A. A. A.

Constitutional amendments that will exert a wide influence on all future intercollegiate athletic meets in this country were recommended by the executive and advisory committees of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America in a meeting held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel yesterday afternoon.

These recommendations will be voted upon at the annual meeting of the association on February 6, and there is small doubt but that they will be ratified and put into force at once.

The constitutional amendments, if put through, will help to standardize athletics prior to the next Olympic games, and will conform with the rules of the International Athletic Federation.

The executive committee, composed of E. J. Stackpole, jr., of Yale; James Greenough, of Harvard; T. M. Galbraith, of Princeton, and C. W. Townsend, of the University of Pennsylvania, and the advisory committee, comprising Gustavus T. Kirby, of Columbia; Romyen Berry, of Cornell; and Thornton Gerrieh, of Harvard, those who sat in session yesterday.

The committees first took up the discussion of the number of trials to be permitted in the two weight events and the mile, and it was recommended that each competitor be allowed six trials, in groups of two. Thus, a man may make a trial jump, put or throw and then have the privilege of taking another trial at once, or he may await his regular turn in the event.

In the pole vault and the high jump it was recommended that the number of tries be restricted to three, as at present, but that the competitors be allowed to take their second and third trials at once, if they wish, instead of awaiting their regular turn. This will be welcomed by the athletes, who get "cold" while waiting fifteen or twenty minutes for their next try at the height under present rules.

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Walter Ramme and Herbert Volmer for the century swim and Joseph Wheatley and James Reilly or Nicholas Nerich for the furlong contest. On past performance a slight advantage might be conceded to the local boys, but neither Hodgson nor McGill has competed in this country since early in 1913, so there is no telling how much they have improved.

The list of events tentatively adopted includes 50, 100 and 220 yard swims, 200-yard relay race for teams of four men, each to cover fifty yards; fancy diving, and a game of water polo, under the rules of the Amateur Athletic Union.

It is not likely that the visitors will have candidates good enough to win the relay and diving events from the Mercury Foot stars, but speculation is rife as to the outcome of the water polo match, as the Canadians have never played an American team, at least not since the obtaining style of game was introduced here. Nothing is thus known of their ability.

Owing to the great interest shown by the fair sex in the New York Athletic Club water carnival of last week, the house committee has announced that ladies accompanied by club members will again be admitted to the national on Friday night for the Montreal-New York meet.

Under the existing rule the man fouling is penalized by the referee. A recommendation that will materially assist the officials if adopted has to do with the take-off of the running broad jump. The committee advised the umpire of sand for a space of six inches before the take-off, in order that the judges of the jump could see the spot where the contestant struck before the actual leap.

This measure is expected to do away with all "alibis" on the part of the jumpers.

It also was recommended that contestants in the shot-put and hammer throw remain within the circle until the put or throw had been officially measured.

The same standard of implements as approved by the International Federation was likewise recommended for adoption by the I. C. A. A. A. and the same relay racing rules.

The committee advises that a press steward be added to the present list of officials, and that he be empowered to keep members of the press informed as to entrants, performances, etc., at all games.

The matter of barring freshmen from intercollegiate competition was not brought up yesterday by the executive committee, but it was pointed out that any member of the association has the right to bring up this matter thirty days before the annual convention, on March 6.

The officials for the indoor championship meet, on March 6 and 7, at Madison Square Garden, were nominated by the executive committee. They are: Referee, T. Kirby; Starter, T. Kirby; Umpire, T. Kirby; and Timekeeper, T. Kirby.

The games will officially begin at 8 o'clock p. m., but the pole vault trials will start half an hour earlier, and the programme of nine events will be concluded by 10:45 o'clock, according to the committee.

An innovation will be made in the running off of the field events, teams competing as units, all the men of one college or university making their trials before the team of another college or university.

Mr. Kirby will have the distinction of being the first referee to be placed on a pedestal in indoor games. A bronze statue, five feet tall, of the Borgias gladiator, will be awarded the member of each team finishing in first, second or third place.

KELLY, YANKEE SCOUT

Manager of Toronto Team to Succeed Arthur Irwin.

The Yankees now have the distinction of having two of last year's International League managers on their payroll. Joe Kelly, who led the Maple Leafs last season, yesterday signed the papers binding him to assume Arthur Irwin's duties as scout of the local American Leagueers for one year.

It has been known since last summer that Kelly would not return to the Leafs for the 1915 campaign. Hank Ramsey, a well known minor league player, and Ed Fitzpatrick, who played in the infield for the Leafs last season, will succeed Kelly as manager of the Toronto team.

Sport Writers at Play.

Bud Fisher, Frank O'Connell, Fred Van Ness and Al Copeland are the leaders in the newspapermen's pocket billiard tournament at Doyle's Forty-second Street Academy. This sportswriter team will play, while at night Al. Hadley, Ed. Cole and S. Barclay will cross clubs. In the pool pool tourney B. Snow will play J. Beattie.

Hickey Wins a Close Race.

A close finish marked the regular three and a quarter mile road run which was held by St. Anselm's A. C. yesterday afternoon. T. Hickey, of the Bronx Church, was the winner, beating out second runner, J. O'Connor, of St. Anselm's A. C. P. Crozier, of the Bronx Church, was third.

ONLY FOUR FACE TRAPS

But Full Scores Are Made in Five of Six Matches.

Because many of the trapshooters of the Larchmont Yacht Club are on their way to Pinehurst, N. C., to take part in the midwinter handicap target tournament, beginning to-morrow, only four faced the home traps yesterday at the regular weekly shoot. This quartet, however, creditably upheld the club's reputation by returning full scores in five of the six matches contested.

W. Berner, Frank M. Wilson and A. L. Burns tied with full scores in the shoot for the take home trophy, and in the shoot-off Burns won the prize. Dr. G. H. Martin won the distance handicap with a perfect score of 25. C. W. Berner being the runner up, with a 24.

Dr. Martin also captured the 15 "bird" scratch prize with a full score and the 10 "bird" scratch shoot with a 25. He also made the top score in the 125 "bird" scratch contest, breaking 115, but the prize went to A. L. Burns with his score of 112. Dr. Martin, it is said, is not a member of the club, but he is the winner of legs for the monthly and the accumulation cups. C. W. Berner took the 100 "bird" handicap prize with his score of 96 on his handicap of 15.

The scores follow:
Monthly cup (25 day birds, handicap)—Dr. G. H. Martin (96), A. L. Burns (92), C. W. Berner (90), F. M. Wilson (88).
Take home trophy (25 day birds, handicap)—A. L. Burns (25), W. Berner (24), Dr. G. H. Martin (24), F. M. Wilson (24).
Distance handicap (18 day birds, handicap)—Dr. G. H. Martin (25), A. L. Burns (24), C. W. Berner (24), F. M. Wilson (24).
100 day birds, handicap—Dr. G. H. Martin (112), A. L. Burns (110), C. W. Berner (108), F. M. Wilson (106).
125 day birds, handicap—Dr. G. H. Martin (115), A. L. Burns (112), C. W. Berner (110), F. M. Wilson (108).
15 day birds, handicap—Dr. G. H. Martin (15), A. L. Burns (14), C. W. Berner (13), F. M. Wilson (12).
10 day birds, handicap—Dr. G. H. Martin (10), A. L. Burns (9), C. W. Berner (8), F. M. Wilson (7).

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CAMERONS FIGHT FOR SOCCER TITLE

Score Fine Victory Over
Clan Chisholm Rangers
—Other Results.

The Camerons, former amateur champions and now tied with the New York State League, scored a notable victory over the Clan Chisholm Rangers on the latter's grounds, Hamburg Oval, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon. The score was 2 goals to 0.

It fell to the lot of Reid, a substitute, playing at inside right, to tally the first point. He carried the ball down the field, beating the two fullbacks and the goalkeeper. His good showing in yesterday's game may assure him a regular position on the team.

In the second period J. Isaac broke through the backfield of the Rangers and annexed the second point.

Besides J. Isaac, Dumas and Stahl played in fine fettle for the winners, while Hollwell, the ex-Camero goal-keeper, and Kelly brothers did excellent work for the losers.

The line-up follows:
Cameron F. C. (12). Position. Clan Chisholm R. (11).
Goalkeepers—Cameron, J. Isaac; Rangers, Hollwell.
Forwards—Cameron, J. Isaac; Rangers, Stahl, Dumas, Reid.
Halfbacks—Cameron, Kelly; Rangers, Kelly.
Fullbacks—Cameron, Kelly; Rangers, Kelly.
Goal—Cameron, J. Isaac; Rangers, Hollwell.
Referee—Mr. J. Isaac.

The scoring of a goal by a goalkeeper was the feature of the Brooklyn Celtic-Clan McKenzie game, played at Marquette Oval, Brooklyn, yesterday. Celtic custodian, left his cage unguarded and ran well down the field. He got the ball on a pass from a halfback and sent it whizzing into the McKenzie net. The McKenzies won by a score of 4 to 1.

The I. R. T. Strollers and Longfellow F. C. played ninety minutes to a tie at Van Cortlandt Park. When hostilities had ceased both teams had a point.

The Germans won their Metropolitan League game from the I. R. T. Strollers at Columbia Oval by 4 goals to 1.

The Overseas Wanderers moved up a peg in the second division of the New York State League by their defeat of the Meccas at Taft's Oval, Brooklyn, by 4 goals to 2. The victors played two men short.

The New York Celtic-Yonkers game was called off because of the bad condition of the grounds in Yonkers, where the game was scheduled.

The Subway, leaders of the Metropolitan League, and the Chelsea, runner-up, played a tie game at Chelsea Park. The score was 1 goal each. Bailey tallied first for the underground workers. Johnson tied the score with a beautiful kick in the second half.

The White Rose-St. George game was called off on account of rain.

HUDSON UNITED VICTOR AT SOCCER

Defeats Greenpoint Eleven in
Fast Game for the
State Title.

In a fast and interesting game at Macombs Dam Park yesterday afternoon the Hudson United F. C. defeated the Greenpoint eleven by 1 goal to 0 in a championship fixture of the second division of the New York State League.

The Hudsons have been going strong since they were organized as probable contenders for premier honors.

The lone tally of the battle was scored by McNeill at left back in the middle of the first half. The ball was put into play following a "corner" kick, and McNeill, who, by "playing in" called for a pass. The ball was shot over to him, and he sent it whizzing into the Greenpoint net with the speed of a bullet from the 25-yard line.

The Greenpoint players had an opportunity to equalize the score in the second period, but lost it. Hutchingson was entrusted with a "penalty" kick. His shot was high, and went over the crossbar.

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Hudson U. F. C. (11). Position. Greenpoint F. C. (10).
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Postponed on Account of Rain.

On account of the bad weather yesterday the meeting of the Baseball Players' Walking Club did not take their usual weekly jaunt, thus giving them a chance to send their "kunks" to the cobbler's for their much needed mending. The club's meeting was postponed until the next week on a short walk to Philadelphia or all the way up to Alaska.

Lawn Tennis Battle Now On in Earnest

Action of Players' Committee Draws Fire of
Newport Defenders.

PROMINENT PLAYERS
OPPOSED TO CHANGE

Charles M. Bull, Jr., Mouthpiece
of Those Who Favor Old
Order of Things.

By FRED HAWTHORNE.

The action of the tennis players' committee in coming out in favor of the national lawn tennis tournament from Newport to the courts of the West Side Tennis Club, at Forest Hills, Long Island, has finally drawn the fire of the Newport Casino adherents, and yesterday they issued a circular stating their own position in emphatic terms.

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Mr. Bull sent out a circular addressed: "To the secretaries of clubs members of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association," in which he pointed out the advantages of the Rhode Island city, its right to retain the premier lawn tennis fixture of this country and the fact that no less than seven former holders of the national singles title, in addition to Richard Norris Williams, 2d, the present champion, were strongly in favor of Newport. Twenty-eight prominent players signed the circular.

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